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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 20, 2012.

In line with the Economic Action Plan 2012, and as part of government-wide efforts to reduce the federal deficit, agencies within the Public Safety Portfolio reviewed their activities and identified deficit reduction measures to find savings within government spending while ensuring the safety and security of Canadians.

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Rest assured that decisions were taken only after careful deliberation and in accordance with departmental recommendations on how to derive savings by reducing overlap, streamlining services and shifting resources from areas of declining necessity. Every step of the way, considerations relating to the public safety and security of Canadians were paramount.

Our Government appreciates the work of your members. In fact, since taking office we have worked diligently to give them the tools and authorities needed to keep our streets and communities safe. We have consistently taken a tough stand against those who threaten the wellbeing of Canadian communities.

While I will not be attending the forum on public safety, please accept my best wishes for a productive session. I would ask that you contact the Deputy Heads of your respective organizations who will be happy to provide additional information and answer any further questions you may have.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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